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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence u

SUBJECT : Forthcoming Book: Washington Expose
by Jack Anderson

1. This memorandum is for information only to invite your attention to a new book Washington Expose by Jack Anderson (Washington, D. C.: Public Affairs Press, 1967). Anderson, co-author with Drew Pearson of the syndicated column Washington Merry-Go-Round, is also Washington editor of Parade Magazine and the author of several books. Washington Expose is the predictable melange of truths, half-truths, and innuendoes, sprinkled with assorted pious character assassinations. Much of it has appeared in the Washington Merry-Go-Round over the years.

2. Chapter 16 of Washington Expose, (entitled "Spies and Spooks"), contains some references to CIA, "the most lampooned of all spy outfits." Passing mention is made of the Lee Kwan Yew affair in Singapore and the U-2 case. In connection with the latter, "the conspiratorial-minded folks at the CIA" are alleged to have explained to Anderson that Soviet agents had planted electronic gadgets on the U-2 at Adana which supposedly broadcast its progress to Russian tracking stations; and that the U-2 also contained a Soviet electronic booby-trap which could be triggered from the ground with a resultant explosion too small to destroy the plane but sufficient to knock it out of commission. (p. 342). In this chapter, there is also a reference to the Bay of Pigs. Here Anderson quotes Clark Clifford as telling him that President Kennedy had said:

"I made some bad decisions on the Bay of Pigs. ... I made these bad decisions because I had bad information. My information was bad, because our intelligence was poor. Something is gravely wrong inside the CIA, and I intend to find out what it is. I cannot afford another Bay of Pigs." (p. 342).

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Anderson then notes that President Kennedy appointed the civilian advisory board, which Mr. Clifford now heads, and "which has recommended a great many reforms which have been instituted in the past few years." Anderson continues:

"Clifford is now convinced that the CIA is not only an efficient but an essential organization. In the nuclear age, the CIA has become our first line of defense. If some agents have been fools, others have been unsung heroes whose deeds surpass the most valorous in our history yet must remain unrecorded." (pp. 342-343).

3. In the chapter on "Spies and Spooks", Anderson adds that the U. S. has "equipment that can monitor the conversation between a pilot and tower in the middle of Russia or intercept a conversation between Moscow and a Soviet sub on the other side of the world." (p. 343). In this chapter, Anderson also refers to various Soviet espionage cases both here and abroad which have previously been written up in the press, as well as discussing some alleged Chinese agents in Mexico. However, he notes that generally the U. S. "espionage network behind the Iron Curtain is dependable enough to prevent surprises." (p. 362). Also included in this chapter is a reproduction of the forged Dillon-Timberlake letter which is included in Mr. Helms' 1961 testimony on Communist Forgeries before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Anderson states that this forgery was exposed by CIA. (p. 347).

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6. In Chapter 10, Anderson talks of the influence of oil on the government and claims that Cuban commandos have told him that CIA "has ordered them not to attack Havana's three oil refineries." (p. 201). He states that during the Bay of Pigs a fighter plane radioed that it was over the Esso refinery in Havana and asked permission to bomb it, but "the CIA command post actually ordered the plane to ignore the refinery and look for gun emplacements to bomb." (pp. 201-202). Anderson also claims that a Mike McLaney, an American gambler in Havana, sent CIA a detailed plan for knocking out the three refineries, in response to which, he received an urgent phone call "warning him not to attempt such an attack under any circumstances." (p. 202). 25X1

8. In Chapter 4, "Seniority, Senility and Success", Anderson discusses the activities of several members of the Congress. Much of

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this material has previously been included in his various newspaper columns. Anderson commences with his usual unflattering comments about Chairman Rivers of the House Armed Services Committee, whom he describes as "the House drunk" (p. 56), and whose "remarkable stature" Anderson credits in part "to the protection racket on Capitol Hill." (p. 58). He is also somewhat unkind to Senator Hayden's advanced age. In a later chapter, "The Radicals Of The Right", Anderson charges that:

"The right-wing infection has turned Congressman Feighan, once an engaging Irishman, into a suspicious old man. He recently rose on the House floor to charge that the Central Intelligence Agency and State Department were communist-infiltrated." (p. 411).

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